## Sikkim University Marathon 2024: A Celebration of Sports and Community

The eagerly anticipated Sikkim University Marathon was held on November 16, 2024, at Sikkim University, Yangang Campus, bringing together over 400 excited participants, primarily students of Sikkim University. The Sikkim University Marathon was not only a challenge of endurance, but also a celebration of friendship, health, and sportsmanship. The race began at noon and was flagged off by Professor Dr. Jyoti Prakash Tamang, the Vice-Chancellor of Sikkim University. The marathon included separate categories for men and women. Marathon started at Yangang Campus Gate 1 of the University, passed through the lively Yangang Bazar area, and returned to the campus. The event highlighted impressive athletic skill and healthy competition, as participants aimed for top spots in their respective categories. In a commendable gesture of support, the Vice-Chancellor awarded all participants with trophies, medals, and certificates.

Winners and Runners-up: Men's Category:

Winner: Mr. Ong Norbu Sherpa (Chemistry Department)

1st Runner-up: Mr. Thendup Namgyal Bhutia (Botany Department) 2nd Runner-up: Mr. Ashish Pradhan (Political Science Department)

Women's Category:

Winner: Ms. Ashmita Rai (Botany Department)

1st Runner-up: Ms. Archana Sharma (Music Department) 2nd Runner-up: Ms. Saraswati Sharma (Nepali Department)

The event also celebrated the opening of the new Indoor Table Tennis Hall and new Volleyball and Badminton courts in Sikkim University Yangang campus, inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor. These facilities aim to support the University's goal of improving student health and promoting a strong sports culture.



Photo 1: Marathon participants proudly pose with the Vice-Chancellor



 $Photo\ 2:\ The\ Vice-Chancellor\ inspiring\ participants\ at\ the\ Sikkim\ University\ Marathon\ 2024$